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1. WE BELIEVE THERE HAS BEEN A MISUNDERSTANDING ON THE
PROGRAMMING AND AUTHORIZATION OF FMS FINANCING FOR FY 1977.
EXCEPT FOR FUNDS SPECIFICALLY EARMARKED BY CONGRESS
AUTHORIZATION AND APPROPRIATION OF FMS FINANCING ARE DONE
ON A GLOBAL BASIS. INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY FIGURES FOR LEVELS
OF FMS FINANCING ARE INDICATIVE FIGURES FOR PLANNING PUR-
POSES ONLY, AND ARE SUBJECT TO PROGRAM CHANGES. IN FY 1977
THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH REQUESTED A GLOBAL FMS FINANCING
PROGRAM OF \$2,179.6 MILLION. THE CONGRESS APPROVED A
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PROGRAM FOR FY 1977 OF \$2,022.1 MILLION, A REDUCTION \$157.5
MILLION OR APPROXIMATELY 7 PERCENT.

2. THE FY 1977 CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION DOCUMENT (CPD)
ORIGINALLY CONTAINED AN INDICATIVE LEVEL OF FMS FINANCING
OF \$127 MILLION FOR GREECE. THIS FIGURE WAS THE RESULT OF
EXTENSIVE INTERAGENCY REVIEW IN EARLY 1976 WHICH ATTEMPTED

TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE LEVELS OF FINANCING WHICH WOULD BE REQUIRED UNDER THE DCA.

3. IN THE INTERIM, NEGOTIATIONS TOOK PLACE ON THE DCA. THESE WERE NOT CONCLUDED UNTIL WELL AFTER WE WERE REQUIRED TO MAKE PUBLIC OUR FY 1977 PLANNING FIGURE. AS YOU ARE AWARE, WE AGREED IN THE DCA NEGOTIATIONS THAT THE US WOULD PROVIDE FOR THE FIRST YEAR OF THE DCA \$53 MILLION IN GRANT ASSISTANCE (INCLUDING IMET) AND \$122 MILLION IN FMS FINANCING.

4. WHEN THE ADMINISTRATION BEGAN TO ADJUST PROGRAM LEVELS BASED ON THE FUNDS AUTHORIZED FOR THE GLOBAL PROGRAM OF FMS FINANCING, IT WAS DETERMINED THAT GREECE WOULD BE PROVIDED WITH \$122 MILLION IN FINANCING IN FY 1977 TO REFLECT LEVELS AGREED UPON IN THE BASE NEGOTIATIONS. YOU MAY WISH TO POINT OUT TO THE GOG THAT HAD WE APPLIED THE 7 PERCENT CONGRESSIONAL CUT IN OUR GLOBAL PROGRAM ACROSS THE BOARD, THE GREEK LEVEL WOULD HAVE BEEN \$118 MILLION RATHER THAN THE \$122 MILLION AGREED TO IN THE DCA.

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